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In re Application of
Bruce McKendry, et al.
Application No. 10/764,731
Filed: January 26, 2004
Attorney Docket No. 2312.69388

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ON PETITION

This is a decision in response to the petition, filed March 26, 2007, under 37 CFR 1.137(b) to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED** because it is unsigned. It is noted that the petition was intended to be signed by applicant's registered attorney, Patrick G. Burns.

37 CFR 1.33(b) states that:

Amendments and other papers filed in the application must be signed by:

- (1) An attorney or agent of record appointed in compliance with §1.34(b);
- (2) A registered attorney or agent not of record who acts in a representative capacity under the provisions of §1.34(a);
- (3) The assignee of record of the entire interest, if there is an assignee of record of the entire interest;
- (4) An assignee of record of an undivided part interest, and any assignee(s) of the remaining interest and any applicant retaining an interest, if there is an assignee of record of an undivided part interest; or
- (5) All of the applicants (§§ 1.42, 1.43 and 1.47) for patent, unless there is an assignee of record of the entire interest and such assignee has taken action in the application in accordance with §§ 3.71 and 3.73.

Further, a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)¹ must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply,² unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required by 37 CFR 1.137(c). Where there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137 was unintentional, the Director may require additional information. See MPEP 711.03(c)(III)(C) and (D).

The petition lacks the unintentional delay statement noted in item (3).

Since the petition containing the statement of unintentional delay is unsigned, the petition is considered to not contain a proper statement of unintentional delay.

This decision is made without prejudice to reconsideration. However, any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." This is **not** a final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

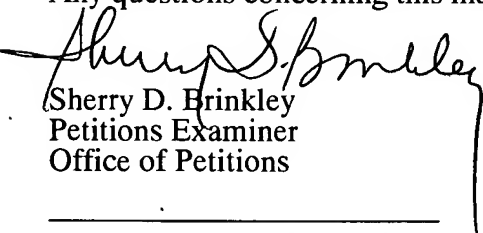
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¹ As amended effective December 1, 1997. See Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53194-95 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 119-20 (October 21, 1997).

² In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof.